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SUBJECT: UN'S "COMMITTEE OF 24" ENDS DISCUSSION ON
RHODESIA

1. THE UNITED NATIONS' "COMMITTEE OF 24" (SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION) ENDED FOUR DAYS OF DISCUSSION OF THE RHODESIA QUESTION AUGUST 10 BY UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTING TWO RESOLUTIONS. AS HAS BECOME THE PRACTICE IN THE UNGA'S COMMITTEE SYSTEM, THE FIRST RESOLUTION ON RHODESIA IS A GENERAL ONE AND THE SECOND FOCUSES ON THE SUBJECT OF SANCTIONS. BOTH RESOLUTIONS WILL NEXT BE TAKEN UP BY THE 33RD UNGA'S FOURTH COMMITTEE, PROBABLY IN NOVEMBER.

2. THE C-24'S RHODESIA DEBATE OPENED WITH A STRAIGHT FORWARD STATEMENT BY UK PERMREP RICHARD WHICH LISTED THE CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS REGARDING EFFORTS TOWARD A RHODESIA SETTLEMENT SINCE NOVEMBER, 1977 (THE LAST TIME RICHARD HAD
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GIVEN A COMPARABLE STATUS REPORT). OF ALL THE ENSUING STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS, THE PATRIOTIC FRONT'S STATEMENTS WERE NOTEWORTHY FOR THE SHRILLNESS OF THEIR TONE (DIRECTED ALMOST ENTIRELY AGAINST THE UK). THE STATEMENT BY TANZANI ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS A MODEL OF MODERATION. IN GENERAL, CRITICISMS DURING THE DEBATE CENTERED HEAVILY ON THE BRITISH ROLE IN RHODESIA. WHAT DIRECT CRITICISM THERE WAS

OF THE UNITED STATES FOCUSED ON CURRENT EFFORTS IN THE US CONGRESS TO LIFT RHODESIA SANCTIONS.

3. THE COMMITTEE'S FIRST RESOLUTION (A/AC.109/L.1260) UPDATES ITS 1977 COUNTERPART WITH AN UNEQUIVOCAL CONDEMNATION OF THE "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT". THE ONLY OTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM THE 1977 C-24 DRAFT IS A CALL FOR A DISBANDING OF RHODESIA'S MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES. THE SIGNIFICANT OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
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- 3. CONDEMNS ALL MANOEUVRES OF THE ILLEGAL RACIST MINORITY REGIME INCLUDING THE SO-CALLED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT RESULTING FROM THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT OF 3 MARCH 1978, AIMED AT THE RETENTION OF POWER BY A REACIST MINORITY;
- 4. DECLARES AS ILLEGAL AND UNACCEPTABLE THE SO-CALL INTERNAL SETTLEMENT RESULTING FROM THE SALISBURY AGREEMENT OF 3 MARCH 1978;
- 5. DECLARES AS ILLEGAL AND UNACCEPTABLE ANY INTERNAL SETTLEMENT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME AND CALLS UPON ALL STATES NOT TO ACCORD ANY RECOGNITION TO SUCH SETTLEMENT;

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- 6. FURTHER DECLARES THAT THE SPEEDY TERMINATION OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME AND THE DISBANDING OF ITS MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES IS THE FIRST PREREQUISITE FOR THE RESTORATION OF LEGALITY IN ZIMBABWE SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE FOR A PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION TO GENUINE MAJORITY RULE AND INDEPENDENCE; END TEXT.

4. THE COMMITTEE'S SECOND RESOLUTION (A/AC.109/L.1261) REPEATS THE COMMITTEE'S 1977 CALL FOR EXTENSION OF SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA TO INCLUDE ALL THE MEASURES ENVISAGED UNDER ARTICLE 41 (E.G., CLOSING RHODESIA INFORMATION OFFICES, INVALIDATING PASSPORTS FOR TRAVEL TO RHODESIA, ETC.) L.1261 ALSO CALLS FOR "EFFECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THOSE STILL SUPPLYING OIL TO RHODESIA AND SUGGESTS AN OIL EMBARGO ON SOUTH AFRICA. (IN 1977, OIL EMBARGO LANGUAGE WAS INSERTED BY THE 4TH COMMITTEE, NOT THE C-24). THE OPERATIVE LANGUAGE IS AS FOLLOWS:
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- 4. (E) (CALLS UPON GOVERNMENTS) TO TAKE ALL EFFECTIVE MEASURES AGAINST INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES AND AGENCIES WHICH SUPPLY PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO THE

ILLEGAL REGIME OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA;

- 7. REQUESTS THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER IMPOS-
ING A MANDATORY EMBARGO ON THE SUPPLY OF PETROLEUM AND
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO SOUTH AFRICA IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT
PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE TRANSPORTED FROM SOUTH
AFRICA INTO SOUTHERN RHODESIA. END TEXT. YOUNG

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